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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN-COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY
DISCUSSIONS

1. BECAUSE I HAD MORE IMPORTANT FISH TO FRY (IN OIL) I
DID NOT REPEAT NOT BRING UP SUBJECT OF THE VENEZUELAN-
COLOMBIAN BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, IT CHANCED THAT
COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR CHARRY SAMPER LUNCHEDED WITH ME IMMEDIATELY
AFTER MY INTERVIEW WITH CALVANI AND AMBASSADOR SAID THAT
THE FREQUENT VISITS BETWEEN THE COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE MERELY PUBLIC DISPLAY OF "MARCHING
IN TIME IN A SWAMP." HE SAID THE COLOMBIAN PRESS HAD ACCURATELY
DESCRIBED THESE NON-NEGOTIATIONS AS "A HASTE TO DELAY."

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT NEITHER GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF
THE POLITICAL ELECTIONS IN VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA, HAS
ANY DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATIONS UNTIL
THEY SEE THE FACES OF THEIR NEXT PRESIDENTS.
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